

Guidelines for Competition

Eligibility Books eligible for the Library of Virginia Literary Awards must have been written by a Virginia author or, for nonfiction books, have a Virginia-related theme. A Virginia author is defined as a writer meeting one or more of the following qualifications: a native-born Virginian; an author living in Virginia; an author whose permanent home address is in Virginia.

The following types of books are not eligible for the awards: reference works, edited works, children's and juvenile literature, photographic books, self-help books, and "how to" books.

Any individual, organization, or company may nominate books to be considered for these awards. Each year's awards honor books written in the previous calendar year. Thus entries for the 2009 awards must have been published and distributed between January 1 and December 31, 2008.

Categories Entries can be submitted for the following categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, or Poetry.

Procedure Entry forms can be submitted online or completed as a interactive PDF and mailed to:

The Library of Virginia Literary Awards
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000

The deadline for entries is February 13, 2009. The completed entry form and three copies of the book (nonreturnable) must be on hand prior to that date. Entries will be forwarded to judges on receipt, so please enter as soon as possible.

The Library of Virginia, as part of its management of the adjudication process, will request adjudication copies of eligible books nominated by interested readers.

Judges and Judging An independent panel of judges will consider all entries. Awards will be granted at the discretion of the panel. Panel members will represent a broad spectrum of expertise in writing and publishing. Entries will be judged principally on the quality of the writing, with organization and interpretation also playing a role in the decision.

Announcement of Finalists and Winners Finalists in each category will be notified by August 1, 2009. Winners will be announced at the annual awards celebration on October 17, 2009.

Special Notes Entries must be received by February 13, 2009.
No entry fee is required.
For more information, please call 804.692.3722.



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